

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/552,552 Confirmation No.: 2007
Applicant : Marc DE BLOCK
Filed : April 9, 2004
Title : METHODS AND MEANS FOR INCREASING THE
TOLERANCE OF PLANTS TO STRESS CONDITIONS
TC/Art Unit : 1638
Examiner: : Vinod KUMAR
Docket No. : 58764.000049
Customer No. : 21967

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION OF JUNE 12, 2007**

Sir:

Applicant provides the following response to the Non-Final Rejection mailed June 12, 2007 ("Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three month extension of time within which to submit a response to the Office Action, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including December 12, 2007. Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover the three month extension of time fee.

This response is provided in the following format:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.